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DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, 628 Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that since he returned to his office after a serious illness on December 2, 1963, he has made a serious and conscientious effort to recall and establish as facts, the information he reported on November 25, 1963. ANDREWS stated that he realizes the serious physical condition he was in while he was confined in the hospital and has verified from his physician that he was under extremely heavy sedation for the first four days he was in the hospital, that is from November 20 to November 24, 1963. ANDREWS advised he has talked with his secretary, EVA SPRINGER and his investigator, Sergeant R. M. DAVIS, United States Army, retired, and he has determined that there are a number of variances in his independent recollection of incidents that happened and incidents recalled by his employees.

ANDREWS stated that while confined in Room 202, Hotel Dieu Hospital, it was his recollection he received a telephone call between 6:00 and 9:00 PM, November 23, 1963. His secretary, EVA SPRINGER has stated to him that ANDREWS called her Saturday, November 23, 1963 shortly after 4:00 PM and told her that he was going to represent LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas. His ~~secretary asked him who had~~ contacted him and he said BERTRAND, ~~using~~ no first name or other identification. Miss SPRINGER terminated the conversation at this time by saying she would not go to Dallas with him. CLAY BERTRAN

ANDREWS stated he has no recollection of this telephone conversation, cannot understand why he called his secretary and is unable to account for the name BERTRAND in this conversation. He particularly pointed out that he did not mention the first name to his secretary.

ANDREWS advised that when he realized he was in error as to his recollection of the time of the call, he tried to reconstruct the events of November 23, 1963 but could not recall anyone visiting him or being in his room during the afternoon of November 23, 1963. He advised that if the call was received before 4:00 PM, November 23, 1963, it

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By the time of this report, the campaign against Andrews' story had increased to where he told the Commission he would have said anything to just get rid of the FBI. He denied, however, that he

would have had to have been received after the lunch meal as he seems to recall that his tray was near him when he received the call.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that Sergeant R. M. DAVIS has told him that DAVIS visited him, DEAN ANDREWS, on the afternoon of November 23, 1963 from approximately noon to 3:30 PM or 4:00 PM. During this period DAVIS told ANDREWS that he, ANDREWS, did not receive a call and mentioned nothing to him, DAVIS, about representing OSWALD. Sergeant DAVIS advised ANDREWS that ANDREWS was asleep and awake at various intervals during this visit and he was particularly concerned about the progress of his, ANDREWS', political campaign for a judgeship in Jefferson Parish, during his visit.

ANDREWS advised that he talked to his secretary, who told him the only name he mentioned on November 23, 1963 was BERTRAND. ANDREWS advised that his investigator, Sergeant DAVIS, recalls that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, ANDREWS asked him about CLAY BERTRAND and told him that CLAY BERTRAND had contacted him to represent OSWALD. ANDREWS asked DAVIS if he recalled BERTRAND, which he did not, but ANDREWS indicated that he knew this individual well. ANDREWS advised that he does not recall this conversation with Sergeant DAVIS and could not recall where he had picked up the name CLAY BERTRAND.

ANDREWS advised that the first independent recollection he has in the hospital was in the evening of November 23, 1963, when he recalls watching a TV program reflecting the life of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in New Orleans, Louisiana. He recalls this program and recalls OSWALD as an individual that had contacted him previously for legal advice.

ANDREWS advised that each Sunday, it is his habit to take his son to the New Orleans Athletics Club where he joins with SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, and his boy in a game of handball. ANDREWS advised that on the morning of November 24,

1963, he recalls calling ZELDEN and asking him to help defend OSWALD. He advised he knew where to call ZELDEN but states that the details of the conversation with ZELDEN , which formerly seemed so clear, are now very hazy and have only been refreshed by his conversation with ZELDEN.

ANDREWS advised that he has been told by Sergeant DAVIS that on November 24, 1963, he called a TV station and told the TV station he wanted to issue a statement and on November 25, 1963, a TV reporter came to the hospital, but he was too ill to see him. ANDREWS advised that he has no recollection of calling the TV station and states that if he did such a thing he was "obviously out of his mind" as he is well aware that he did not have a firm commitment to represent OSWALD. Furthermore, he is a candidate for position of judge in Jefferson Parish and such an announcement on the eve of election, which will be held December 7, 1963, would be equivalent to abandoning the election.

ANDREWS stated that on November 25, 1963, when he furnished information to both the FBI and the Secret Service, that he had been contacted by CLAY BERTRAND, he was positive he knew this individual and positive that he had his name in his records in his office. He advised that after a careful and extensive search of his files he has been unable to locate the name CLAY BERTRAND or anything similar to it in any of his files. ANDREWS stated with regard to the alleged telephone call that he thought he received, it is now obvious to him that the basic details which he would have immediately determined, are not present in the conversation. That is, what authority did BERTRAND have to commit OSWALD as a client, who referred BERTRAND to him, who would handle the finances for the defense, when would he personally see BERTRAND, how could he get in touch with BERTRAND and further that he could locate no notes of this call in his hospital room.

ANDREWS advised that he never calls his secretary, EVA SPRINGER, at home and the fact that he called her is a very unusual incident.

ANDREWS advised that his physician has confirmed to him that he was a very sick man and under extremely heavy sedation and in fact, told him that he was not physically able to use the telephone.

ANDREWS advised that he recalls on November 25, 1963, discussing OSWALD and his possible ability to have actually fired the shots from a bolt action rifle and he recalls claiming to Sergeant DAVIS that OSWALD did not have the ability or "guts" to have actually fired these shots in 3½ seconds as related by a newsman.

ANDREWS advised that based on the discrepancy between his memory and facts as related to him by his employees and further, the fact that he cannot identify CLAY BERTRAND, he can reach only one conclusion, that is, that the call received by him while in Hotel Dieu Hospital under sedation, was a figment of his imagination.